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From the Evening Poſt, Aug. 4.

Mittaw in Courland, July 8.

ON the 12th Inſt. Prince Menzicoff ſent for the Chancellor Keiſerling, Marſhal Vanderbruggen, and M. Brinken, Steward of the Dutchy; but the latter could not come to the Prince's Houſe, becauſe of his great Age. The Prince demanded of them Copies of the *Univerſalia* for aſſembling of the laſt Dyet, the Reſcript of the King of Poland againſt aſſembling of the ſaid Dyet, and laſtly, the Proteſtation of the Duke of Courland againſt the above *Univerſalia*. Aſſoon as Copies of the ſaid three Things were delivered to him, he declared, in the Name of the Empreſs of Ruſſia, That her Majeſty could not give her Conſent to the Election of Count Maurice of Saxony; That therefore they muſt within ten Days proceed to a new Election. Whereupon the Counſellors repreſenting, That an Election could not be made without ſummoning another Dyet; the Form of the Summons was drawn up and delivered to Prince Menzicoff, who told the Counſellors, that Prince Dolhorucki had received Orders from her Imperial Majeſty, to declare to them the Perſon ſhe will have them elect. On the 13th, Pr. Menzicoff dined with the Dutcheſs Dowager of Courland, and after Dinner ſet out for Riga, having firſt declared to the Steward of the Dutchy, That her Imperial Majeſty neither can conſent to the Election of Prince Maurice of Saxony, nor to his Marriage with the Dutcheſs Dowager of Courland: So a new Election muſt be made.

Venice, July 27. Letters from Conſtantinople dated the 16th paſt, ſay, That the Populace of that Capital having begun to murmur againſt the Grand Viſier, and inſiſting to have an exact Account of the Affairs in Perſia, that Miniſter thought fit to appeaſe them with good News, and promiſed to ſatisfie their Curioſity by a circumſtantial Account aſſoon as poſſible; aſſuring them then, that Things go very well on for the Porte in Perſia. The ſame Letters add, that the Porte begins to entertain a Jealouſy on account of the Alliance between the Courts of Vienna and Petersburg; tho' the Imperial Miniſter aſſures them, that nothing prejudicial to the Porte is intended by it.

Madrid, July 23. The Government daily borrows large Sums of Money; they are endeavouring to get one Million of Piſtoles, the major Part whereof is deſigned for the Court of Vienna. On the 11th Inſt. the Ambaſſador of G. Britain received an Expreſs from his Court, with Orders to demand Satisfaction of the King for the Violence, in taking the D. de Riperda out of his Houſe. Whereupon the ſaid Ambaſſador has preſented a Memorial to his Catholick Majeſty. The Court ſets out Tomorrow for St. Ildefonſo, where they will reſide till December next.

Madrid, July 17. Count Coningſeck, the Imperial Miniſter, removed lately to a Country-houſe of the Neighbourhood of this City, and does not confer with our Miniſters ſo oft as he uſed.

Paris, Aug. 5. During the late Illneſs of the King, the Dutcheſs of Bourbon begg'd of his Majeſty that he would be pleaſed to permit the Duke her Son to wait upon his Majeſty; who only anſwered, *What! Again!* meaning, he had already ſufficiently declared himſelf on that Head. 'Tis talked, that the Perſons who were employed during the late Miniſtry, will be ſtrictly called to an Accompt.

London, Aug. 4. Yeſterday came Advice, that the States General have acceded to the Treaty of Hanover.

From the Daily Journal, Aug. 4.

Paris, Aug. 5. The King's Letter to the Cardinal de Noailles, ordering the *Te Deum* to be ſung in our Cathedral for his Recovery, begins thus:

" *Couſin*, I have freſh Tokens of GOD's Protec-
" tion, in the Sickneſs wherewith He has permit-
" ted me to be viſited. My firſt and principal
" Care is, to return him Thanks for it, and at
" the ſame Time, to obtain of Him, by means of
" all my Subjects Prayers, the Aſſiſtance that is
" needful for me, to ſpend the Days He is pleaſed
" to grant me, to His Honour, and their Happineſs, *&c.*

London, Auguſt 4. One of our Greenland Ships brought

brought a Sea-horſe as far as the Orkneys, which was ſo tame that it would follow the Men about the Deck, but was killed by one of them, whom the Maſter of the Ship had diſobliged. 'Tis ſaid to be one of the fineſt Creatures in the watery Element: So that the Publick have loſt one of the greateſt Curioſities that perhaps was ever ſeen in this Nation, by the Folly of a Sailor.

The Duke and Dutcheſs of Athol are ſet out for his Grace's Seat in Scotland.

From the Flying Poſt, Aug. 4.

Copenhagen, July 27. One of the two Engliſh Men of War who came from the Baltick into this Road, is returned to join the Engliſh Squadron, ſhe accompanied hither the other Man of War to ſave the Crew in Caſe of an Accident, ſhe being in an indifferent Condition. A Ruſſian Fregate is arrived in the Sound, coming from Petersburg, laden with ſeveral Commodities for France, the Captain whereof aſſures he will ſhortly be followed by many other Fregates.

Hanover, July 23. Laſt Tueſday and Friday Pr. Frederick took the Diverſion of Hunting about Herenhauſen. The ſaid Prince is continually upon his Guard that he may not be ſurpriſed by the King of Pruſſia who is expected here.

London, Aug. 4. The Court is going into Mourning for the Death of Prince Maximilian his Majeſty's Brother, who died at Vienna the 27th of July as mentioned in our former.

They talk with great Confidence of an Accommodation between Spain and Great Britain, and in Conſequence of which, Orders will be ſent to Admiral Hoſier to quit the Coaſt of Hiſpaniola.

Meyningen, July 18. The Dutcheſs Dowager of Saxe Coburg Meyningen, went ſome Days ago to her Orangery at Sophia her Countrey Seat, to ſee the *Flos Cerei*, or *Serpentis* in Bloſſom. This Plant which conſiſts of two Flowers, began to open it ſelf about 8 a-clock in the Evening, was in the Bloom at Midnight, and next Morning about ſix ſhut it ſelf and withered, after having been but 10 Hours in Bloſſom. In this Orangery there is alſo a Tree of Arabian Coffee, which is fifteen Foot High, and bears above 1000 ripe Fruits, beſides thoſe which are unripe, and Flowers. Her moſt Serene Highneſs has cauſed an Italian Painter to draw theſe two Plants three different Ways, viz. ſuch as it was before it bloomed, during its Flower, and when it faded.

Francfort, July 21. Laſt Sunday the Elector of Mentz, went into the Garden of our chief Burgomaſter, where he could not but admire the American Aloes Tree formerly mentioned, which is 42 Foot High, and bears ſeven or 8000 Flowers.

Paris, Aug. 1. 'Tis ſaid that the Court has aſſured King Staniſlaus, That the Change in the Miniſtry ſhall not diminiſh the Regard and Eſteem for him, which has very much rejoic'd that Prince.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Aug. 4.

Vienna, July 27. This Morning departed this Life of an Apoplexy, in the 60th Year of his Age, Pr. Maximilian of Hanover, Brother to the K. of G. Britain and Biſhop of Oſnaburg, Nephew of the Empreſs Dowager Amelia (and to whom he has left his All) Colonel of a Regiment of Cuiraſſiers.

We hope next Week to bring the Negociations with the Electors of Cologn and Bavaria to a happy Iſſue. And an Expreſs from Petersburg gives us Expectation, That the Treaty with our Court will alſo be finiſhed out of hand.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, Aug. 6.

Since our laſt arrived a French and Holland Mail.

LEtters from Vienna of the 27th paſt ſay, they are buſy there in ſending down the Danube, Cloaths and other Neceſſaries for the Imperial Regiments in Hungary. And 'tis reported, that the Emperor has appointed Baron Bentenrider to go his Ambaſſador to Conſtantinople. In ſhort, the Imperial Court, from the Conſideration of the preſent Poſture of Affairs, are uſing all Methods poſſible for preſerving Peace with the Turks.

The Emperor muſt by this Time ſee how groundleſs his Projects were, of rendering himſelf formidable; and how fruitleſs all his Endeavours have been, for preventing certain Powers to come into the Hanover Treaty.

The Notion ſtill prevails of Sir John Jennings's being to viſit Sicily; and there is now publiſhed in the *Daily Courant*, the Declarations concerning the Rights and Privileges of the Britiſh Merchants in Sicily, made in March 1712; ſetting forth in Subſtance, That in transferring the Kingdom of Sicily to the Duke of Savoy, his Royal Highneſs did engage with her late Majeſty Queen Anne, That during his Reign in Sicily, as likewiſe of his Heirs and Succeſſors, the Britiſh Merchants ſhould enjoy all thoſe Rights and Privileges, as to their Trade and Commerce in Sicily, which by virtue of the Treaty made between G. Britain and Spain, they had or

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ought to have enjoyed; and not to be violated on any Occaſion or Pretence whatſoever.

The Court of Petersburg ſtill ſhews no great Diſpoſition of complying with the Propoſals made by the King of Great Britain, but ſeem rather to dogg and keep us in Suſpence, which however, 'tis believed will not be long born with. Mean Time the Ruſſians are taking all the Precautions poſſible to prevent any Attack on them, to which End they are daily employed in mounting Cannon on their Batteries, &c.

Tomorrow the Court goes into Mourning for ſix Months for the Death of Prince Maximilian William of Hanover.

The Dutcheſs of Orleans departed this Life the 8th Inſtant.

The Morice, Capt. Peacock from Bombay in India is arrived in the Downs, and parted laſt Sunday at the Mouth of the Channell from the Iſles, with Marlborough and Fordwich from Bengal, the Lind from Port St. George, and the Hanton from China, all very richly laden. Governour Dean of Bengal and his Family are come home in the Fordwich. The Wyndham another Ship belonging to the Eaſt India Company, was to be diſpatched from Bengal the latter End of February.

At the End of the Aſſizes of Lincoln, a Petition, ſigned by 500 Graſiers and Free-holders, repreſenting the great Hardſhips they ly under by Reaſon of the low Price of Wool of late Years, ſo that they are not able to pay their Rents, was offered to the Grand Jury for their Concurrence in applying to the Parliament next Seſſions for a ſtop to the Importing of Iriſh Wool and Yarn, and other Proviſions, as their Wiſdoms ſhall think fit; but the ſame was rejected by the Grand Jury, who declined medling therein, and adviſed themſelves to apply directly to the Parliament.

They write from Dublin; That George Monk, Eſq; Surveyor General of the Cuſtoms of that Kingdom, is dead. The Honourable William Moleſworth, Eſq; His Majeſty's Surveyor General of the Lands of Ireland, was married on the 21ſt paſt to Mris. Adair, eldeſt Daughter of Robert Adair in the County of Wiklow; alſo Robert Dickſon, Eſq; Counſellor at Law, to Mris. Ornsby, a young Lady of a conſiderable Fortune.

This Day the Honourable John King, Eſq; Son to the L. Chancellor, ſet out on his Travels for 2 Years.

Some pretend to have Advice, that Admiral Hoſier is with his Squadron before Porto Bello.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, Aug. 6.

Rome, July 20. The Difference between the Pretender and his Lady not being yet made up, and the Chevalier having turn'd off moſt of his Footmen, and ſold ſome of his Horſes, it gives Room for various Speculations.

Petersburg, July 24. Admiral Wager will not quit his Poſt till the Ruſſian Fleet is unrigged; and 'tis even ſaid, that moſt of his Men of War will winter in the Sound.

S. S. Stock, 105, 1 8th. Annuities, 99, 1 half. York Buildings, 11.

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, Aug. 6.

They write from Rome, that the 17th of July being the Birth Day of the Princeſs Sobieski, ſhe received upon that Occaſion the Compliments of his Holineſs, of the Foreign Miniſters, and all the Roman Princes. Some Time ſince the ſaid Princeſs having received a Letter from the Queen of Spain, requeſting to have the Picture of her eldeſt Son, (who is much admired for his Sprightlineſs and Beauty) the ſaid Picture is finiſhed by the celebrated Treviſani, and put into the Hands of the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, in order to be ſent to Spain.

London, Aug. 6. Lord Gairlis, Son to the Earl of Galloway of Scotland, lately returned from his Travels, was laſt Sunday taken up by the Meſſengers.

From the Flying Poſt, Aug. 4.

Hague, Aug. 13. Advices from Petersburg ſay, That the whole Fleet of Galleys is actually equipping and Troops putting on board, under Convoy of 20 Men of War. We are aſſured the Court of Ruſſia has ſent Expreſs to their Miniſter at Stockholm, with Orders to inform the Swediſh Court of this naval Armament, that they may not take Umbrage at it.

The Camp formed near Riga, conſiſted of 44000 Men, when the laſt Letters came away; and Pr. Menzicoff had ordered the Artillery to be ranged on the two Wings, while the Infantry are taking Poſt behind the Chevaux de Frize. Count Sapieha a Grandee of Poland has the Command of the Horſe.

From the London Gazette, Aug. 6.

Hague, Aug. 13. The States of the Province of Holland have under Deliberation the Augmentation of the Forces, and ſettling Funds for the additional Expence. The Provinces of Overyſſel and Guelderland have declared their Conſent, that the Augmentation complete the Troops to 50000 Men.

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Edinburgh, *Aug.* 11. Yesterday-morning his Grace the Duke of Argyle went hence for London:

As did his Excellency General Wade, for the Highlands, by the way of Stirling.

On Monday last the Gentlemen of the Vestry, appointed by the late Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, met at the New Chapel, and unanimously chose Barnaby Barrow, Esq; Comptroller of the Excise, a Member of their Society, in room of John Colquit, Esq; late Collector of Leith.

We see here (just published) a very entertaining Paper, entituled, *A Letter from a Quaker to the Duke of Wharton.* Sold by M. Symmer in Parliament-close.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶+¶ That upon Friday the 29th of July, there was stoln or strayed from the Holme, in the Parish of Avendale, a Light colour'd yellow Grey-hound BITCH, of about 18 Months old, belonging to His Grace the Duke of HAMILTON. Any Person who can give an Account of the said BITCH so as she may be recovered, shall be sufficiently rewarded and no Questions asked,

¶*¶ To be set in whole or in Parcels, five Ploughs of the Land of the Barony of KINPUNT, six Miles West of Edinburgh; one Hundred Acres thereof inclosed and subdivided, each Plough having a convenient Onstead, and near the Water of Almond: A House and Offices for Accommodation of a Gentleman. Enquire at the Mansion House of Kinpunt.

Edinburgh, 25th July 1726.

By Order of the MAGISTRATES.

¶ That a GALLOWAY PLATE, given by the Town of Leith, value *L.* 25 *sterl.* will be run for on the Sands of Leith on the *Seventeenth of September* next, by Galloways carrying Nine Stones English, including Whip, Saddle and Bridle; to run 3 Heats, four Miles each, or twice round the Sands.—— The Horses are to start betwixt the Hours of 10 & 11 before Noon. The other Conditions and Rules for running of this Plate, are the same with those for running the City of Edinburgh's Plate; with this Difference, That each Person shall at Booking pay only One Guinea.

¶¶ That the KING's PLATE, value 100 Guineas, will be run for on the Sands of Leith the *Nineteenth of September* next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Eleven Stones English, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part thereof; to run Three Heats four Miles, or twice round the Sands.—— The Horses to start betwixt 11 & 12 in the Forenoon —— No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed; and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags at the Starting and Distance-posts.—— The Distance-post is to be Tenscore Yards from the Starting-post.—— The Rider, after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat, for Rubbing.—— If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat, gets the Plate: Or, if any Horse gains the first two Heats, he gets the Plate.—— If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and run right, or be adjudged as distanced.—— If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during Rubbing, at the Direction of the Judges.—— The Flag at the Starting-post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat. And in case, by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands.—— The Flag at the Distance-post to be dropt at the same Time with that at the Starting post; and all the Horses that are not seen to be past the Distance-post at that Time, are adjudged as distanced, and have no Right to run again.

¶ The *Silver Plate* given by the Town of Edinburgh to the Value of 50 L. Sterling, will be run for on the Sands of Leith, on the 20th of *September* next, by any Horse Mare or Gelding, carrying ten Stone English Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle, and Bridle, to run three Heats, each Heat being four Miles, or twice round the *Sands*.—— The Horses are to start betwixt Twelve and One Mid-day. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost, and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags, at the Starting and Distance Posts.—— The Distance Post is to be ten score Yards from the Starting Post.—— The Rider after each Heat is to take off his *Sadle* himself, and to carry it with him that Moment he dismounts, to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing one *Pound* for Waste.—— Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for Rubbing.—— If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat gets the *Plate*, or if any Horse gains the first two Heats, gets the *Plate*.—— If any Horse or Gelding runs on the wrong *Side* of any of the *Posts*, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and turn right, or else they are adjudged as distanced.—— If the Water comes in upon the Course, the *Posts* are to be brought in during the Time of Rubbing, at the Directions of the Judges.—— The Flag at the Starting *Post* to be dropt the Moment the first *Horses* Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat; and in case by the Seas not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the *Power* of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands.—— That the Horses which are to run for this Plate, being three at least, must be at Leith eight *Days* before the Days of the Race, and be booked fourty eight Hours before running, and to pay two Guineas each at Booking.

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